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1835-1837/1870's

719-737 S. Hanover St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The east side of the 700 block of S. Hanover St. is improved by a row of 2 1/2 story brick houses built for a working class market in 1835-1837 by William G. Read and his wife Sophia Howard Read on property allotted to her in the division of the real estate of her father John Eager Howard. The houses are two bays wide and two rooms deep, with dormer windows, and are typical of the type of late versions of Federal-style houses built in the area in the late 1830's and early 1840's. 721, 725-727, and 729-733 S. Hanover St. all remain in close to their original condition, although the facade of the latter group has been stuccoed. 719 and 723 S. Hanover St. were enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War and now are three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story high, six bay wide brick corner building at 735-737 S. Hanover St. with its Italianate-style bracketed cornice and hooded lintels, represents either a replacement or enlargement of the original 2 1/2 story houses on the site and was built in the 1870's to serve the same combined commercial/residential function that it does today.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

721 S. Hanover St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: restoration

contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2 1/2 story brick house was part of an original row of such houses occupying this site from the late 1830's.

The house is 2 1/2 stories in height, 12 1/2' wide and extends back on its lot about 45'. The original facade was constructed in Flemish bond, but deterioration has necessitated an in-fill of common bond brickwork. The house has a low-pitched gable roof covered with tarpaper and a single dormer window with a broken pediment design. A plain rectangular chimney rises along the south side of the house. There is a simple brick cornice. The original lintels and sills of the window and door openings have been filled in with the later brickwork. The first floor openings are boarded and the dormer window is empty; the second floor openings are filled with what appears to be the original 6/6 sash. The house stands on a low basement. A square coal opening is located to the right of the stoop. Three stone steps originally rose to the entrance, but they are now in extremely poor condition.

The interior plan of 721 S. Hanover St. is essentially identical to that of 725-727 S. Hanover St. See under 725-727 S. Hanover St. for further details.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1835-1836

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Developed by Wm. G. Read

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being part of a group of 2 1/2 story houses with dormer windows built in the late 1830's by Wm. G. Read, the son-in-law of John Eager Howard, on vacant land allotted to Read's wife in the division of the real estate of her father. The houses are interesting as examples of the late use of design characteristics associated with the earlier Federal period. They are Federal in style, the only evidence of their later date being the longer, narrower first floor front windows (no longer to be seen in this house where parts of the facade have been replaced), and interior beaded door and window frames.

The houses in this group were designed to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the Federal Hill area to work in waterfront-related jobs. The floor plan follows the pattern established for earlier working class housing in the area, with small front and back rooms on each floor and with enclosed, steep, and tightly winding stairs set between the two rooms. The dormer story contains one single room. The kitchen was located in a low-ceilinged rear addition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

2/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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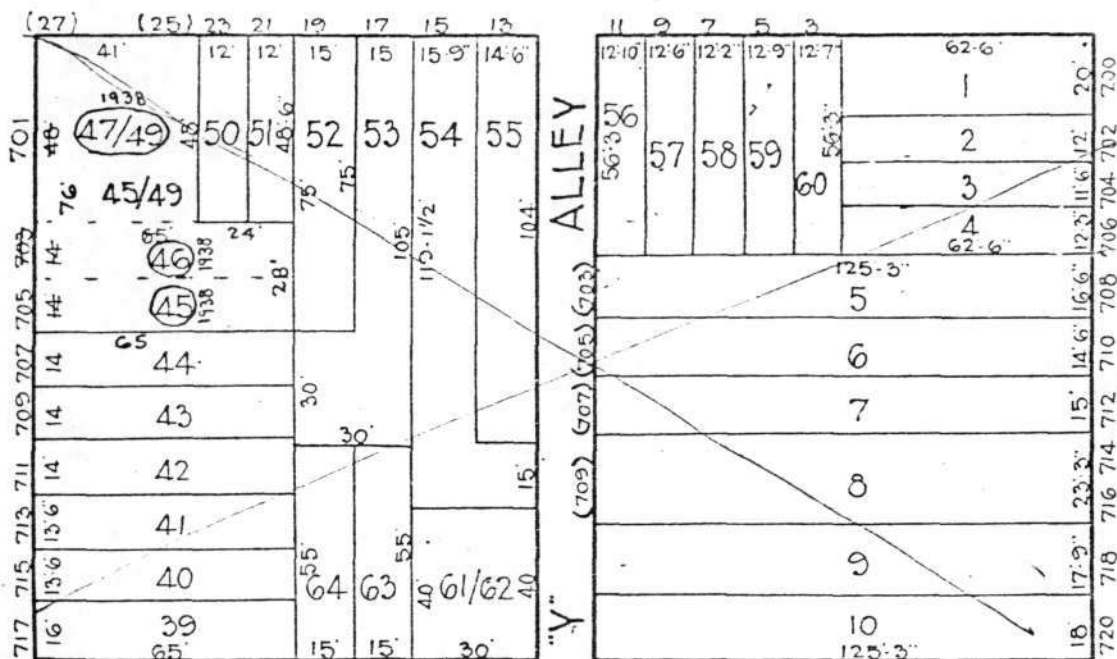
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ST.

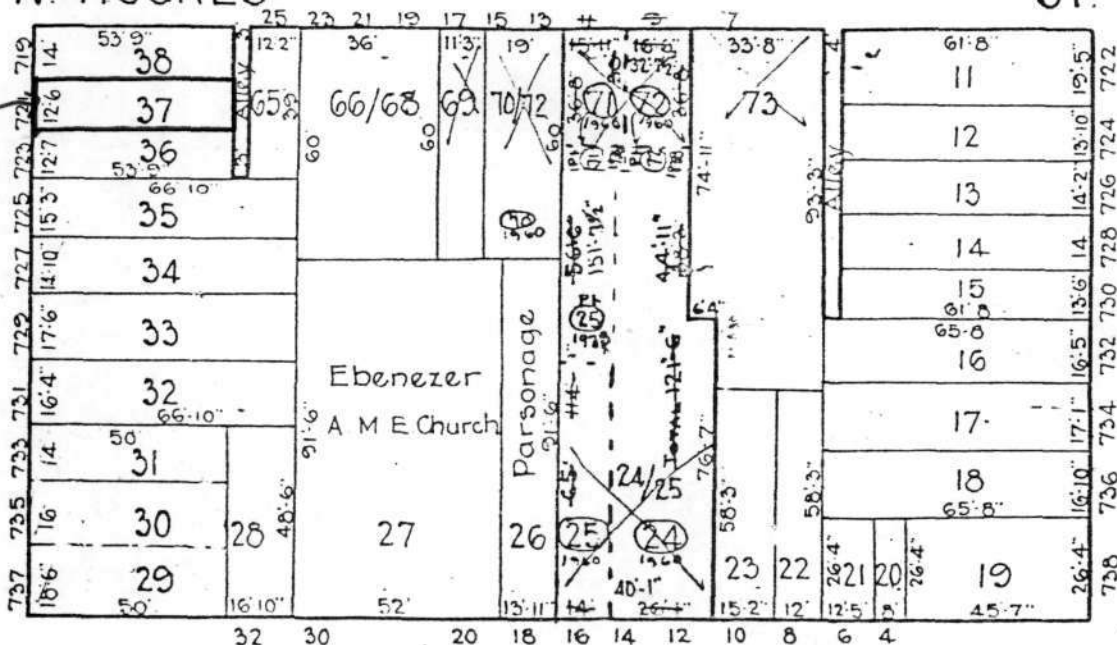
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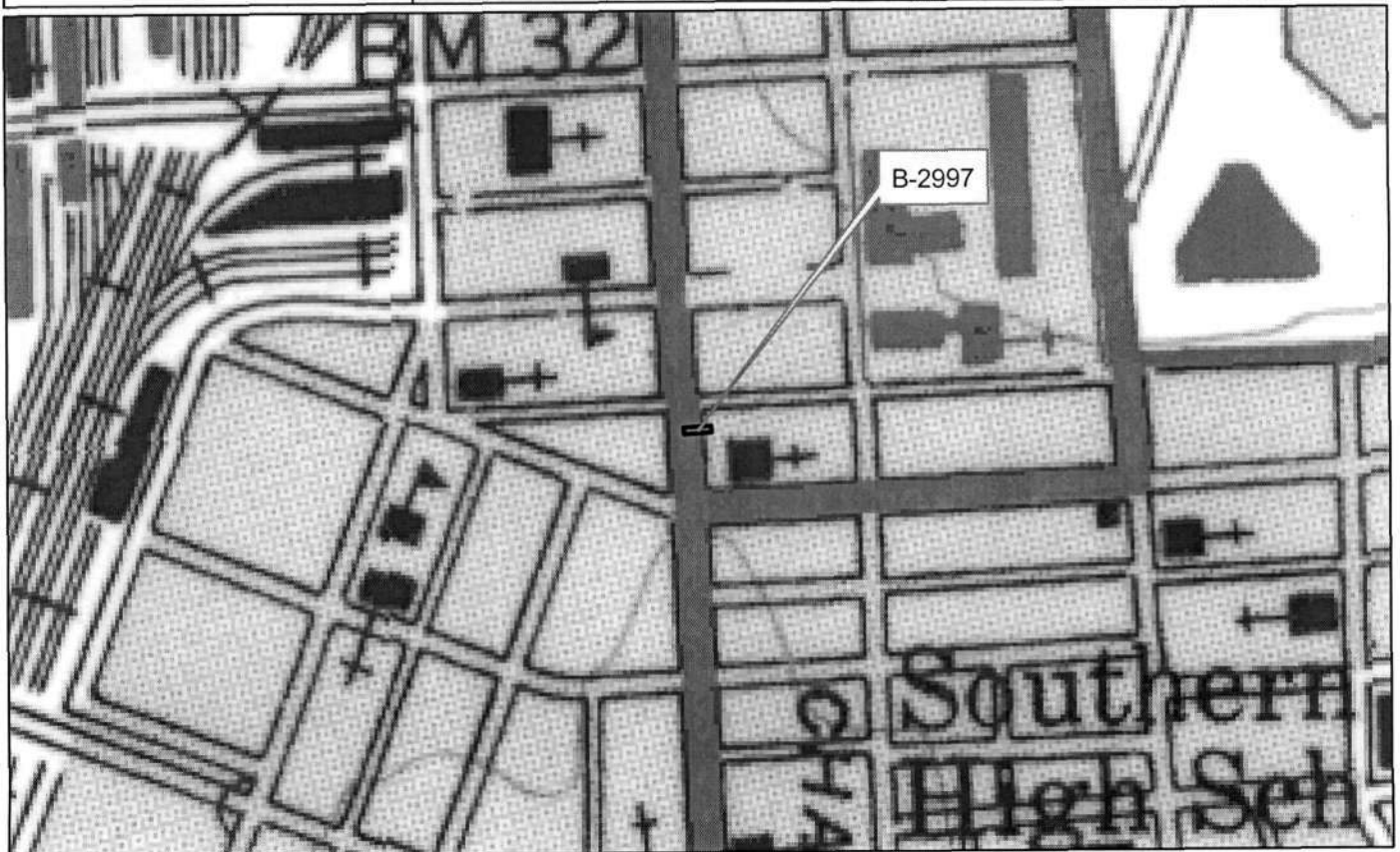
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Block 0895 Lots 037
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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721 S. Hanover St.

M.E.H.

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West elevation